

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## **A PROCLAMATION**

## X AND Y CHROMOSOME VARIATIONS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: X and Y chromosome disorders are common but frequently undiagnosed genetic conditions that differ from the normal chromosome 23 pairings, due to cellular processes that produce additional X or Y chromosomes to the normal complement of 46; and

WHEREAS: The resulting total of 47 or more chromosomes may impact a child's developing central nervous system and his or her body condition. One in 500 children in the United States has an X and Y chromosome variation causing complex learning disabilities, including language impairment, motor planning deficits, reading dysfunction and attention, and behavioral disorders; and

WHEREAS:Although health care professionals have understood that genetic anomalies can impact<br/>a child's development, more information about X and Y chromosome variations is<br/>needed for improved diagnosis and to provide families and children with the proper<br/>support they need to navigate this disorder; and

**WHEREAS:** In the State of Georgia, Emory Healthcare has established a multidisciplinary clinic named "The eXtraordinarY Clinic" to serve as a regional center of expertise to serve patients and families in this and surrounding states; and

WHEREAS:X and Y Chromosome Variations Awareness Month is a time to promote increased<br/>public awareness and cooperative efforts among organizations and professionals to<br/>address the numerous implications that living with X and Y chromosome variations<br/>can cause individuals and their families; now

## **THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2024, as X AND Y CHROMOSOME VARIATIONS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

